



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: RECREATION PROGRAMS

VALID: 1/31/2014 -1/31/15

City of Fairfax's goal is to have all government programs, services, classes and camps, accessible to all residents. Fee reductions for classes and camps are available on a sliding scale based on household income. Annual income verification is required. For questions, please call **703-385-7858**.

QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS

Program participation is limited to:

- Persons who live in the City of Fairfax or Fairfax County. When funding is limited, priority will go to City of Fairfax Residents. Qualification will be determined by household.
 - **HOUSEHOLDS:** All the persons who live in the same individual residence at a given time, that are listed as financially dependent on one another on income tax returns.
- Employees of the City of Fairfax and members of their household
- See below for eligible households that can receive financial assistance for the program registration fee based on a sliding scale.

Except for extenuating circumstances, assistance is available for one program per season:

Winter/Spring (Jan – Apr), Summer (May – Aug) and Fall (Sept – Dec), per household member.

Exception: All 'traditional day camp programs' are eligible to receive an unlimited quantity of session discounts. Qualified financial assistant applicants are not eligible for additional discount (i.e. sibling discount, early registration, ect.)

Households will retain fee reduction status for no more than twelve months from the date of last application. This application expires on 1/31/15. After expired, eligible households must re-apply for fee reduction status.

- The capacity of programs shall not be exceeded and wait lists will be established on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Some programs have limits to the number of fee reductions that may be granted for a particular program or a particular eligible participant.

SLIDING SCALE:

Household Size	Total Income <	Total Income <	Total Income <
1	\$11,670.00	\$23,340.00	\$35,010.00
2	\$15,730.00	\$31,460.00	\$47,190.00
3	\$19,790.00	\$39,580.00	\$59,370.00
4	\$23,850.00	\$47,700.00	\$71,550.00
5	\$27,910.00	\$55,820.00	\$83,730.00
6	\$31,970.00	\$63,940.00	\$95,910.00
7	\$36,030.00	\$72,060.00	\$108,090.00
8+	\$40,090.00	\$80,180.00	\$120,270.00
DISCOUNT	75%	50%	25%

PAYMENTS PLANS

When deemed appropriate by the Parks and Recreation Director or his designated staff, a payment plan of fees due may be established for applicants in order to relieve the burden of full payment at one time.



APPLICATION PROCESS

1. To qualify, a person must fill out the **ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION FORM (attached)**.
2. Proof of all household income must be submitted with application. At least one of the following documents must be shown:
 - Tax Return filed within the last 12 months
 - Current W-2 Forms
 - Current Paystubs (one month)

Income is defined as household adjusted gross income listed on Income Tax return. It includes the following and all sources of income must shown with application for all members of household:

- Wages, salary, commissions or fees
 - Net income from self-employment
 - Social Security or disability payments
 - Dividends, interest trusts
 - Pensions or annuities
 - Alimony and/or child support
 - Net royalties
 - Veteran's benefits
 - Unemployment Compensation
 - Worker's Compensation
 - Public Assistance or Welfare Payments
 - Regular contributions from persons not residing in the household
 - Any financial assistance from other agencies specific to recreation program(s) of choice
 - Other sources of cash income
3. All applicants **must make an appointment** to meet with a staff member about financial assistance.

You must contact the Parks and Recreation office at 703-385-7858 or parkrec@fairfaxva.gov to make an appointment:

Mailed-in applications can be sent to City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax VA 22030. Please allow 7 business days to process your application.

4. After meeting with City staff and applicant is approved, you will receive the Financial Assistance Staff Approval form and can register for qualified programs. Applicant must have **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE STAFF APPROVAL FORM** with at the time of registration. If this form is lost, you may request a second copy, but must allow 3-5 business days.
5. The Eligibility Application Form will be kept on file from 1/1/14 – 12/31/14. It is not necessary to fill out a separate eligibility application form for each program you would like to register for during this time, however, **SEPARATE PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NECESSARY**. Eligibility verification and approved Financial Assistance forms by the Parks and Recreation Department is required prior to each program registration. No refunds will be given for program registrations prior to financial assistance approval.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Registration for many of the programs is limited and eligibility for financial assistance does not guarantee enrollment in the program.
- The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining your eligibility for the financial assistance program.
- Exceptions to this policy may be considered on a case-by-case basis, and the decision will be made by the Parks and Recreation Director or his designated staff.
- Applicants that are eligible for financial assistance are not eligible for additional discounts (i.e. sibling discount, early registration, ect)

The following programs are NOT eligible for fee reduction:

- Trips (Senior Center trips, Camp Day trips)
- Merchandise, concessions and vending
- Facility Reservations
- Athletic Field Reservations
- Rentable Equipment
- Tickets to events and performances sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION FORM

VALID: 1/31/2014 - 1/31/15

Name of Applicant (Head of Household): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

All Household Members

Name	Relationship	Date of Birth

Please check off all the official documentation you are providing with this application:

- ☐ Tax Return filed within the last 12 months
- ☐ Current W-2 Forms
- ☐ Current Paystubs (one month)

I certify that the information provided is complete, true and correct. I give consent to the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department to contact such individuals as necessary to obtain verification of the information furnished on this application. I understand that I will be financially responsible for the full amount of any program fees if it is subsequently determined that I do not meet the eligibility guidelines. I also understand that the awarded discount can be changed at any time due to financial constraints of the program and availability of funding or subsidized spots in the activity.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Household Adjusted Gross Income: _____

Approved By (staff): _____ Date: _____

Expires: _____

Percent Reduction	Qualifies:
0%	<input type="checkbox"/>
25%	<input type="checkbox"/>
50%	<input type="checkbox"/>
75%	<input type="checkbox"/>



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE STAFF APPROVAL FORM

Valid only from 1/31/14 -1/31/15 only.

This waiver entitles the following household to:

Percent Reduction	Qualifies:
25%	<input type="checkbox"/>
50%	<input type="checkbox"/>
75%	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fee reduction is valid on one eligible program per person, per season.

Please see attached form for guidelines and policies on City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Financial Assistance.

Head of Household Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Members of household qualified to receive discount:

Discount Used: *(Staff Initial)*

Family Member Name	Winter/Spring (Jan –Apr)	Summer (May – Aug)	Fall (Sept – Dec)

This discount expires on January 31, 2015.

Approval Signature *(Parks and Recreation Staff)*

____/____/____
Approval Date

This voucher must be presented at time of registration to receive a discount.
All additional fees are due at time of registration.